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### 1. INDOCHINA

IN EXCLUSIVE NYDN INTERVIEW, PRES DEFENDS USE OF FORCE IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE, CONTENTS HAD ALLOWED CAMBODIANS AMPLE TIME MAKE RELEASE PEACEFULLY;REITERATES DETERMINATION STAND BY OTHER US COMMITMENTS IN ASIA, ESPECIALLY SK. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, FORD AGREES NK BUOYED BY COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN INDOCHINA, SO SK NOW DANGER AREA. OBSERVES WOULD BE BAD SIGNAL AROUND WORLD IF CONGRESS TRIED REDUCE UNCLASSIFIED

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US TROOP LEVELS IN SK, NATO COUNTRIES (GREENE/HEALY/WIEGHART; ABRIDGED IN PHINQ, GLOBE).

DOD PUTS MAYAGUEZ TOLL AT 15 KIA, 50 WIA, 3 MIA (AP, SUN;

PHINQ). MIAS WERE AMONG THOSE WHO FOUGHT ON KOH TANG AND NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AFTERWARDS (CARTER, NYDN). PENTAGON ADMITS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD 3 MIAS STILL ALIVE (GETLER, WP). DEFECTION OF CAMBODIAN WARSHIP TO THAILAND ADDS ANOTHER UNANSWERED QUESTION TO INCIDENT, SINCE 40-MAN CREW CLAIMS TO HAVE BOARDED MAYAGUEZ; BUT US ACCOUNTS INDICATE ONLY SMALLER GUNBOATS HAD PARTICIPATED IN SEIZURE. INTERVIEWS WITH MAYAGUEZ CREW MEMBERS SUGGEST CAMBODIANS POSSIBLY WILLING NEGOTIATE, WHICH RAISES QUESTION WHETHER DELAY IN AT-LED TO RELEASE OF SHIP, CREW, WITHOUT BLOODSHED (SHABECOFF, NYT). MAYAGUEZ CREWMAN SAYS SHIP ABLE SUMMON HELP BECAUSE CAMBODIAN BOARDING PARTY NEGLECTED SHUT OFF RADIO (UPI, NYDN). WP'S MORRIS DOES HUMAN-INTEREST STORY ON NORFOLK MARINE KILLED DURING MAYAGUEZ RESCUE.

PP RADIO SAYS ROAD TO SVN REPAIRED, REOPENED (WP). TWENTY CAMBODIAN NAVAL OFFICERS WHO FINISH USN SCHOOL AT NEWPORT ASK POLITICAL ASYLUM (AP,GLOBE).

REP ABZUG PRODUCES TEXTS OF MESSAGES FROM AMBS DEAN, MARTIN ASKING VOA PLAY DOWN NEWS OF DETERIORATING SITUATION IN INDOCHINA IN APRIL (NYT).

PL SOLDIERS ROLL INTO SAVANNAKHET, WELCOMED BY STUDENTS. PLANELOAD OF NEWSMEN ARRIVES BY AIR ON TRIP ARRANGED BY STUDENTS. TWELVE AMCITS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN GOOD CONDITION, PACKING TO LEAVE (UPI, NYDN, CHITRIB). WP FRONT PAGES AP PHOTOS OF PL SOLDIERS IN SAVANNAKHET, STUDENTS RIDING ON PL TANK. PL FORCES HAVE BEGUN MOVING INTO VIRTUALLY EVERY TOWN SOUTH OF THAKHEK TO FILL VOID IN PANCHANDLE AREA LEFT WHEN RIGHTIST OFFICIALS FLED LAST WEEK (SUN); PAKSE TAKEN OVER EARLIER. NOT CLEAR WHETHER STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAKSE, SAVANNAKHET, DESIGNED PAVE WAY FOR PL TROOPS. US OFFICIAL SAYS EMBASSY HAS NO PLANS TRY EVACUATE AMERICANS IN SAVANNAKHET BY FORCE (ANDELMAN, NYT). DOS LODGED THIRD PROTEST WITH LAOS OVER DETENTION 12 AMCITS AT SAVANNAKHET (REUTER, NYT).  
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AID OFFICE IN VIENTIANE SEIZED IN EARLY MORNING BY ABOUT 100 YOUTHS, IN 2ND ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION IN CAPITAL IN 12 DAYS AND BYPRODUCT OF PL ASSUMPTION OF DOMINANT ROLE IN GOVT. TWO AMERICANS IN COMPOUND NOT MOLESTED; POLICE MADE NO ATTEMPT REMOVE YOUTHS FROM COMPOUND. VIENTIANE SOURCES SAY SEVERAL FORMER HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS TRY SET UP GOVT-IN-EXILE IN THAILAND, AND FEARS GROUP TRY MOVE INTO SOUTH PROMPTED PL TO GRAB PAKSE, THAKHEK, AND SAVANNAKHET (WP). US FACES PULLOUT OF SOME OR ALL REMAINING PERSONNEL IN LAOS WITHIN NEXT FEW WKS, AND PHASING OUT MANY PROGRAMS AS PL PROCEEDS WITH BLOODLESS TAKEOVER (ARBUCKLE, WSTAR 5/20).

NYT, SUN, WP CARRY AP PHOTOS OF SAIGON IN DAYS FOLLOWING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. AP SAIGON REPORTS STILL NO SIGN OF CIVILIAN GOVT FOR SAIGON, AND VC PRESENCE SEEMS MINIMAL AS NVA HOLDS STRATEGIC POSITIONS. NO REPRISALS YET, BUT SOME SPECULATION FORMER HIGH GVN OFFICIALS WILL FACE PEOPLE'S COURT (SUN). SAIGON EXISTS SOMBERLY, SOME ACTIVITIES NORMAL. SADNESS, FEAR OF FUTURE UNDERLIE SURFACE TRANQUILITY (AP, NYT).

SAIGON JOLTED BY SHOOT-UP BETWEEN GROUP IN HOTEL, POLICE, THAT HIGHLIGHTS LAWLESSNESS COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES STILL FACE (REUTER NYT, WP). MANY LAWBREAKERS SAID JOBLESS EX-SOLDIERS, WHILE OTHERS THOUGH, HARDENED CRIMINALS SET FREE WHEN COMMUNISTS EMPTIED JAILS. CITY FACES WORSENING CASH CRISIS. CORRESPONDENTS HAMPERED BY LACK SERIOUS CONTACT WITH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; ONLY LOCAL PAPER CARRIES 3-4 DAYS OLD NEWS. MOST FOREIGNERS GRANTED EXIT VISAS, BUT AMERICANS TOLD REQUESTS UNDER CONSIDERATION (REUTER, WP). VC IN SAIGON FRIENDLY, BUT NO NEWS SOURCE. SOLDIERS SUSPICIOUS OF OUTSIDERS. (FENTON, WP).

NVN CRITICIZES LEE KWAN YEW FOR SAYING FUTURE GLOOMY FOLLOWING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. RADIO HANOI SAYS NVN LAUNCHES FOOD-SAVING PROGRAM FOR 1975, AIMED AT INCREASED PRODUCTION, BETTER STORAGE, AND STOPPING FREE ENTERPRISE IN DISTRIBUTION (SUN).

HOUSE APPROVES 8 MILLION DOLS TO HELP US REFUGEES FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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INDOCHINA (UPI GLOBE, PHINQ; WP). CONFEREES AGREE ON 455 MILLION DOLS TO SETTLE INDOCHINA REFUGEES (WP; AP, SUN). GUAM LEGISLATOR SAYS OPPOSED ADMITTING LARGE NUMBERS VIETS INTO ISLAND BECAUSE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM THERE (WP). TWENTY-FOUR SEA REFUGEES APPLY FOR WELFARE IN WASHINGTON AREA (KNIGHT, WP). MANY NYC FAMILIES WHO ADOPTED VIET ORPHANS HAD TRIED FOR YEARS TO GET CHILDREN FROM CITY CHILD-CARE SYSTEM (HEFFERNAN/AIN, NYDN).

## 2. SINGAPORE

TO EASE RUSH-HR TRAFFIC JAM, GOS PLANS RESTRICT PRIVATE CAR ACCESS TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, STARTING JUNE 1. CAR-POOLS WITH FOUR RIDERS MAY DRIVE IN, OTHERS MUST BUY MONTHLY LICENSE FOR 27 DOLS, OR PAY DAILY FEE OF 1.35 DOLS. EXPERTS PLACE HOPES IN PLAN TO SHUTTLE RIDERS FROM 15 OUTLYING PARKING LOTS BY BUS (AP, SUN).

## 3. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ASSN SURVEY SHOWS NATION 70 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENT IN OIL, BUT EXPLORATION AT VIRTUAL STANDSTILL BECAUSE OF "ADVERSE POLITICAL CLIMATE,"

INADEQUATE INCENTIVES, TIGHT MONEY MARKET. INDUSTRY SOURCES SAY DECLINE EXPLORATION DUE WITHDRAWAL GOVT SUBSIDIES, TIGHTENING-UP TAX DEDUCTIONS, LACK OF DEPLETION ALLOWANCES (REUTER, SUN).

4. BURMA

NCNA REPORTS TWO TOP BURMESE CP LEADERS DIED FIGHTING GUB TROOPS NEAR BURMA-CHINA FRONTIER, BUT RANGOON MILITARY REGIME SUCCESS ONLY "TEMPORARY AND PARTIAL" (WP).

5. GENERAL

MAYORS LUKOSHKIN AND READING SIGN SISTER CITY AGREEMENT IN OAKLAND LINKING PORT OF OAKLAND WITH TWIN SEAPORTS NAHODKA AND VOSTOCHNY. AFFILIATION REQUIRES APPROVAL OF US, SO-VIET GOVTS (JOC, OAKLAND 5/19).

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6. KOREA

PRES PLEDGES US WILL STAND GROUND IN SK IN EVENT NK ATTACK, IN NYDN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY. STATES US HAS TREATY WITH SK, AND IMPORTANT LET THEM, OTHERS, KNOW ADMIN "INTENDS TO LIVE UP TO OUR SIGNED OBLIGATIONS" (NYDN; AP, NYT).

SENATE ASCOMM TUESDAY WARNED AGAINST "ANY MAJOR REDEPLOYMENT" OR REDUCTION US FORCES OVERSEAS--PARTICULARLY IN SK--UNTIL US RESOLVES UNCERTAINTY FOLLOWING INDOCHINA FALL (UPI, WP).

MANSFIELD SAID TUESDAY REASSESSING HIS SUPPORT FOR SUBSTANTIAL CUTBACK IN US FORCES OVERSEAS FOLLOWING INDOCHINA SETBACK. GOLDWATER CALLED FOR "NEW AMERICAN REALISM" TOWARD ASIA BECAUSE ANY SEMBLANCE US ASIA POLICY "DISAPPEARED WITH VIETNAM AND THE EROSION CONTINUES" (WP).

ROK ASSEMBLY TUESDAY ADOPTED RESOLUTION CALLING ON US SHOW BY DEEDS "INDOCHINA DEBACLE WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN KOREA." ASKS US SPEEDILY IMPLEMENT 5-YR PROGRAM MODERNIZE ROK FORCES (UPI, NYDN). OBERDORFER (WP) SAYS 5-PT DECLARATION STATES NATL ROK RESOLVE "RESOLUTELY CRUSH ANY PROVOCATION OR INVASION" BY NK; CALLS FOR US DEPLOY FORCES--LIKE 7TH FLEET--NEAR KOREAN PENINSULA. NOTES ROKG ALSO REACTIVATED STUDENT DEFENSE CORPS, TO INCREASE STUDENTS' MILITARY CAPABILITY (ABRIDGED IN PHINQ).

7. JAPAN

SATO REMAINS UNCONSCIOUS AT RESTAURANT WHERE COLLAPSED

MONDAY. DOCTORS SAY CONDITION "CRITICAL BUT STABLE."  
PM MIKI, AND STREAM OF POLITICAL, BUSINESS LEADERS CALLED  
AT RESTAURANT TUESDAY TO SHOW CONCERN (UPI NYDN, PHINQ,  
CHITRIB; WP). LATE TUESDAY, DOCTORS SAID LEFT SIDE OF

BODY AND EYES RESPONDED EXTERNAL STIMULI (AP, NYT).

BANK OF TOKYO PLANS RAISE 30 MILLION DOLS WITH FIVE-YR  
PETRODOL-EUROBOND ISSUE, MANAGED BY KUWAIT INVESTMENT  
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CORP; FIRST BORROWING BY BOT IN OWN NAME (JOC, TOKYO).

PROFITS OF 13 MAJOR FOREX BANKS FELL BY AVERAGE 16 PERCENT  
DURING LAST HALF JFY 74. REFLECTS RISING DOMESTIC COSTS  
THAT OFFSET BIG PROFITS ON OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS, AND  
LOSSES INCURRED IN SECURITIES SALES UNDER BANK OF JAPAN  
"GUIDANCE" (JOC, TOKYO).

IN LONDON, LEYLAND SPOKESMAN CLAIMS JAPANESE CAR IMPORTS  
COST UK AUTOWORKERS 40,000 JOBS, INCLUDING 4,000 DUE  
"DUMPING" OF DATSUNS, TOYOTAS. SAYS JAPAN EXPORTED 87,000  
CARS TO UK IN 1974, IMPORTED 1,800 (JOC, LONDON).

#### 8. PHILIPPINES

SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY GOP STEPPING UP DEFENSE PROGRAM TO  
ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE IN FACE OF UPCOMING REVIEW SECURITY  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH US. SAID MARCOS, AFTER MEETING WITH  
NSC, ANNOUNCED RELEASE "SUBSTANTIAL" FUNDS TO PRODUCE  
SMALL ARMS. EARLIER, MARCOS SAID WOULD INCREASE TROOP  
STRENGTH FROM 100,000 TO 250,000 THIS YEAR (UPI, PHINQ,  
NYT, WP).

#### 9. THAILAND

IN WARNING AGAINST MAJOR REDEPLOYMENT US FORCES OVERSEAS  
TUESDAY, SEN ASCOMM SAID KEEPING MAJOR COMBAT FORCES IN  
THAILAND SERVES NO US INTEREST (UPI, WP).

KUKRIT TUESDAY TOLD PRESS HASTY WITHDRAWAL US FORCES  
COULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR RTG WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKE OVER  
ALL FACILITIES WITHOUT PREPARATION (REUTER, 1,65, WP).  
CHATICHAI ON RADIO TUESDAY WELCOMED NEW CAMBODIA RULERS'  
FRIENDSHIP OFFER (WP).

INTERIOR MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY THAILAND CUR-  
RENTLY TAKING CARE OF ESTIMATED 11,000 REFUGEES FROM  
CAMBODIA, LAOS, VN (WP).

IN NE PROV NONG KHAI, THAIS ORGANIZE BOYCOTT AGAINST GOODS  
SOLD BY LARGE VIET BUSINESS COMMUNITY (WP).

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10. CHINA

FOREIGN CHILDREN BEING INVITED FOR FIRST TIME TO ATTEND

CLASSES AT CHINESE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN PEKING (WP).

REUTER (NANKING) REPORTS CHINESE MILITIAMEN HAVE DUG HUGE COMPLEX OF UNDERGROUND SHELTERS OUTSIDE CITY WHICH THEY CLAIM COULD PROVIDE SANCTUARY AGAINST ALL KNOWN NUKE/CHEMICAL WEAPONS (SUN).

ROC HAS OFFERED TO WELCOME WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS 91 VIET REFUGEES ABOARD PANAMANIAN FREIGHTER IN 20TH DAY OF ODYSSEY SEARCHING FOR FRIENDLY PORT; BUT MOST ABOARD INSIST ON PORT WITH FRENCH CONSULATE (WP).

CHINESE INFO SERVICE ANNOUNCES ROC'S FIRST PLANT FOR CAPROLACTUM PRODUCTION NOW UNDER OPERATION IN KAOHSIUNG (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

WSTAR'S NOYES (5/20) HAS NO DOUBT MAYAGUEZ WAS IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN BY ITS CAPTORS, WHO CONTEMPTUOUSLY FELT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH IT, SINCE OVER PERIOD OF YEARS US HAS NOT RESPONDED TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS OR ALLIES. UNTHINKABLE THIS MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO SOVIET OR PRC VESSEL; ROOT CAUSE IS RESTRICTIONS WE HAVE PLACED ON EXECUTIVE--AND ON OURSELVES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLOBE'S NOLAN (IN WSTAR 5/20) IS STARTLED AT FORD'S WILLINGNESS TO DIP INTO "DWINDLING STORE OF PRESIDENTIAL CREDIBILITY" TO RESOLVE MAYAGUEZ'S SEIZURE; SEES "ORCHESTRATION OF CRISIS," EARLY-MORNING BRIEFINGS, CONGRESS BEING "ELABORATELY 'INFORMED,' BUT NOT CONSULTED"--ALL REMINISCENT OF LBJ-NIXON DAYS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S MCGRORY (5/20) CHARGES CAMBODIANS HAD TREATED MAYA-  
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GUEZ CREW KINDLY, DIPLOMACY WAS GIVEN ONLY PERFUNCTORY RUN-THROUGH, AND NOVEL ASPECT OF WHOLE SITUATION IS THAT UNNUMBERED AMERICANS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED OVER COMMON-PLACE EPISODE IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE--SEIZURE OF US SHIP IN FOREIGN WATERS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S RESTON SAYS LESSON FROM MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR AND LANDING OF MARINES IN THAILAND IS NEED FOR WORLDWIDE FIRE-ALARM OR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM THAT CAN COMMUNICATE FACTS TO CAPITAL OF EVERY NATION. IN NYT, CLARK CLIFFORD SEES ADMIN'S "DANGEROUS AND PRECIPITATE RESORT TO FORCE" IN MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR DRAMATIZING FOUNDING FATHERS' WISDOM AND PRESCIENCE IN

ESTABLISHING CHECKS/BALANCES SYSTEM IN CONSTITUTION (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN DECLARES US VITAL INTERESTS DO NOT LIE IN INDOCHINA ANY MORE THAN DURING WAR, BUT WE CAN ONLY GAIN BY RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO OVERTURES FROM NEW SAIGON FOR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE--SUCH COURSE WOULD PROVIDE SOME COUNTER TO SOVIET/PRC INFLUENCE AND PERHAPS OPEN PROSPECT OF BROADER RELATIONS WITH HANOI (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WP'S HOLBROOKE, IN BEIRUT, WHILE FAILING DETECT ANY ANALOGY BETWEEN VN AND ISRAEL, FINDS MEN PEOPLE DISCOVERING WHATEVER LESSONS THEY WANT IN SAIGON'S FALL; MANY IN PLO ARE ENCOURAGED. ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) REPORT CONFIDENTIAL WH MINUTES REVEAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS HAD SOME GRAVE APPREHENSIONS OVER ADMIN'S DARING PLANS RESCUE MAYAGUEZ (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE (5/13) SEES COALITION GOVT CHANGE SIGNALING FALL OF LAOS, LAST OF THREE KEY DOMINOES. SAYS INSTRUCTIVE ASPECT IS THAT EACH OF INDOCHINA STATES COLLAPSED IN ITS OWN WAY, EACH SEEMS DETERMINED "STAND BACK UP ITS OWN WAY." IMPOSITION OF TYRANNY ON SEA PEOPLES DEPLORABLE, BUT UNCERTAIN NOW WHETHER IT WILL HAVE GREAT EFFECT ON WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE BETWEEN EXTREME LEFT AND REST OF POL-

PHILA BULLETIN (5/16) SEES MAYAGUEZ RESCUE RAISING MANY QUESTIONS, BUT OPERATION'S SUCCESS MOST EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM AT MOMENT AND MAY SWALLOW THEM UP. HOPEFULLY, THOSE INCLINED TO BAIT US WILL THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS FOR AWHILE.

TO GLOBE'S HEALY, WHAT WENT WRONG IN MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT WAS OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY LOSING COMMUNICATION WITH MILITARY CONDUCTING OPERATION WHEN FORD DESIRED HALT IT. POLITICAL GAINS FOR PRES DO NOT EXCUSE FOULUP IN DANGEROUS MIL OPERATION.

TERHORST DISCUSSES MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR IN TERMS POLITICAL PROFIT TO PRES; ANOTHER PLUS IS THAT CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP NOT TAKEN BY SURPRISE, EVEN IF NOT "CONSULTED" (CHITRIB).

WSJ SAYS THRUST OF US POST-VN DIPLOMACY MUST BE CHECKING AND MELLOWING SOVIET'S IMPERIALISTIC DRIVE. CLEAR BY NOW

THAT ONE BASIC MISJUDGEMENT BY US IN INDOCHINA WAS UNDER-  
ESTIMATING FORCE OF VIET NATIONALISM. SOVIET, PRC MUST  
BE ENCOURAGED NOT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL DISPUTES, WARS. IN  
ACCOMPANYING EDIT, WSJ ARGUES THAT, IN FIRST INSTANCE,  
1970 WARFARE WAS BROUGHT TO CAMBODIA NOT BY US BUT BY NVN.

PHINQ URGES PENNSYLVANIANS WELCOME VIET REFUGEES BEING  
PROCESSED AT INDIANTOWN GAP MIL RESERVATION. HEARST'S  
CONSIDINE RECOUNTS EXPERIENCES WITH SVN BUREAUCRACY OF  
AUSTRALIAN NURSE WHO ESCAPED ON ONE OF LAST CHOPPERS OUT  
OF SAIGON, AND "SUBHUMAN" CONDITIONS ABOARD BLUE RIDGE  
(BALT NA 5/20).

12. JAPAN

SUN'S STORIN (5/18) LOOKS AT MYTH THAT JAPANESE PUT YEN  
OVER PRINCIPLE, QUOTES GENEROUS STATEMENT MIYAZAWA CHOSE  
MAKE WHEN SAIGON FELL--"JAPAN BELIEVES, LIKE THE UNITED  
STATES, THAT FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO COME UNDER COMMUNIST  
OMINATION IS AN UNHAPPY FATE," THUS COOPERATED WITH US TO  
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